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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION REPORT: AUGUST 15 PASSES
WITHOUT INCIDENT

REF: LUANDA 0722

1. WIDELY RUMORED AS THE DAY OF A BLACK "UPRISING" IN LUANDA (REFTEL), THE FIFTEENTH OF AUGUST PASSED WITH APPARENTLY FEWER ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAN ANY OTHER 24 HOUR PERIOD DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. A RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL HOLIDAY, IT APPEARED LIKE ANY OTHER MIDWEEK HOLIDAY EXCEPT THAT A SMALLER THAN USUAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE ON THE STREETS. RESTAURANTS WERE OPEN AS WERE A NUMBER OF STORES. EVEN BEFORE NIGHT FALL THE LEVEL OF TENSION HAD DROPPED CONSIDERABLY AND BY THE FOLLOWING MORNING APPREHENSION HAD ALMOST ENTIRELY EVAPORATED.

2. ATTEMPTS BY BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES TO LEAVE THE CITY HAD
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EITHER BEEN SUCCESSFUL OR HAD BEEN ABANDONED BY SUNDOWN ON

THE FOURTEENTH. MANY WHITES LIVING ON THE EDGES OF MUCEQUES (BLACK GHETTOS) MOVED IN WITH FRIENDS OR STAYED IN HOTELS UNTIL AUGUST 16.

3. VISIBLE MILITARY VIGILANCE APPEARED SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED COMPARED TO THAT DURING THE PRECEEDING WEEK EXCEPT FOR THE INCREASED USE OF HELICOPTERS. ROAD BLOCKS WERE FEWER AND LESS STRICTLY CONTROLLED AND THERE WERE SMALLER NUMBERS OF SOLDIERS AND POLICE PATROLLING OR GUARDING FIXED POINTS.
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